THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Textiles Mills in Uttar Pradesh

6594. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the employment generating capacity of 11 NTC and 4 BIC Textiles Mills situated in Uttar Pradesh prior to Voluntary Retirement Scheme (1991-92) and thereafter separately;

(b) the number of employees of 11 textiles Mills TAPCO and Vegetable Oil Corporation in Kanpur rendered jobless; and

(c) the number of employment opportunities generated in Uttar Pradesh with the assistance of National Renewal Fund and the number of persons who have been provided employment and made self employed and the details of amount spent thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Promotion of Handicrafts

6595. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received from Orissa Govt. for promotion of handicrafts in the State during the last three years and the action taken by the Govt. thereof; and

(b) the number of such proposals still pending or under consideration of the Govt. on the date ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) No proposal has been received from Orissa Govt. for the promotion of handicrafts in the State during the last three years. However, 34 proposals have been received from Orissa State Cooperative Handicrafts Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar, out of which 27 proposals were approved and an amount of Rs. 117.13 lakhs have been sanctioned. Seven proposals are pending with the Government.

[Translation]

Pending Writ Petitions

6596. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI CHATTAR SINGH DARBAR :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of writ petitions lying pending in the Supreme Court and High Courts of the country at present, Court-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for speedy disposal of these writ petitions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The available information is given in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c) Apart from amending the procedural laws from time to time, Government has taken a series of steps to simplify procedures and speed up disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies like the Law Commission. Conference of Law Ministers, Chief Ministers and Chief Justices and other concerned with the administration of Justice are held periodically and the recommendations and conclusions emerging from such exchanges and consultations are implemented and their progress closely monitored.

Statement

Number of Writ Petitions pending in Supreme Court and High Courts

Name of the Court	No. of pending writ Petitions
1	2
Supreme Court (As on 1.11.96)	1089
High Courts (As on 31.12.96)	
1. Allahabad	384155
2. Andhra Pradesh	70202
3. Bombay	9784
4. Calcutta	12074

1	2
5. Delhi	21951
6. Gauhati	14470
7. Gujarat	Not available
8. Himachal Pradesh	1984
9. Jammu & Kashmir	31093
10. Karnataka	97544
11. Kerala	33869
12. Madhya Pradesh**	16908
13. Madras	69890
14. Orissa	21772
15. Patna	29029
16. Punjab & Haryana @	43457
17. Rajasthan***	31414
18. Sikkim	45

** Pendency as on 31.10.96

@ Pendency as on 30.09.96

*** Pendency as on 31.03.96

[English]

Import of Textile Machinery

6597. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to ban import of second hand textile machinery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Jute Mills

6598. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jute Mills owners are converting their composite jute mill into spinning unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the jute mills owners put stress on production of fine yarn instead of traditional products like sacking and hessian; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (d) Some jute mill owners have started manufacture of fine jute yarn in addition to their traditional products like sacking and hessians. Manufacture of fine jute yarn is due to installation of additional capacity and not due to diversion of existing capacity of jute mills for manufacture of traditional products like hessian and sacking. This has been necessitated due to development of new demand for fine jute yarn mainly in the export markets. The Handloom and Powerloom sectors in the country are also now in need of fine jute yarn due to scarcity and very high price for cotton yarns.

[Translation]

Export of Textiles

6599. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the value of cotton yarn, cloth and garments exported during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 separately and foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(b) whether the export of readymade garments is necessary to earn maximum foreign exchange; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide incentive to textile industry in order to earn maximum foreign exchange and the prospective plan of the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) The details of foreign exchange earned from the exports of cotton yarn, cloth and garments during the last three years have been as follows :

Value in Million US dollars

(Provisional)

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Cotton yarn	832.34	1011.54	1501.50
Cloth	1513.65	1661.06	1870.49
Ready-made garments	4433.83	4453.31	4762.10